**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran**: May I know why it was not included in the last year's budget?

**Mr. G. B. E. Truscott**: By mistake it was omitted.

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): സർ, ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഈ സഭമുൻപാകെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഡിമാൻഡിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഒന്നാമതായി, ഒരുലക്ഷത്തിൽ പരം രൂപാ ഡ്രെഡ്ജറിന് വേണമെന്നു കാണുന്നു.

**Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran**: ഡ്രെഡ്ജർ എന്നുവച്ചാൽ എന്താണെന്നറിയാമോ?

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പിന്നീട് പറയാം.

ആലപ്പുഴ തുറമുഖത്തിൽ ഒരു ഡ്രെഡ്ജർവേണമെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലത്തുതന്നെ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ അതു ഈ സഭയെ കൊണ്ടുന്നു പാസാക്കുമായിരുന്നു. ആ സംഗതി ഈ അവസരത്തിലെങ്കിലും കൊണ്ടുവരുവാൻ ഇടയായതിൽ എനിക്കു വളരെ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അതിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പിന്നീടുള്ളത് എൻജിനീയർആഫീസിലുള്ള സ്റ്റാഫിന്റെ നിയമനത്തിന് ആവശ്യമുള്ളപണം അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നാണ്. അതും വളരെ ആവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതുതന്നെ. അതുകൊണ്ട് ആ ഡിമാൻഡിനേയും ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

**President**: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,10,450 for Public Works Department for—(i) Rs. 1,10,000 for the purchase of a dredger for the Alleppey port and (ii) Rs. 450 for the appointment of an additional draftsman in the Chief Engineer's Office.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## EDUCATION.

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan**: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs.5,310 under Education. The demand, Sir, consists of three items viz., (i) Contribution to the Travancore Boy Scouts Association Rs. 2,500. (ii) the appointment of a Research Chemist Rs. 1,200 and (iii) the appointment of additional clerical staff in the offices of the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting officers Rs. 1,610,

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Sir, the Boy Scouts Association was getting a grant of Rs. 5,000 every year from the Government, but this year the Government reduced the grant by one half of that amount. Government at the same time informed the Boy Scouts Association that they should find money more by private subscriptions and donations and should not depend entirely upon Government support.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** Sir, we are unable to find out the time as the clock is not in order.

**President:** Not moving; so far so good. It will be set right during lunch interval.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai:** The clock has also lunch interval.

**President:** It is non-co-operating now. Here is the President to watch your time.

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan:** Sir, Government also told the Association that they should make retrenchment in their headquarters establishment charges. The Association took the advice of Government seriously and made earnest efforts to effect retrenchment. They reduced the pay of the organising Secretary from Rs. 150 to Rs. 125. They reduced also the expenditure under clerical staff. The President of the Boy Scouts Association made an appeal to the Public and the members of the Headquarters Council and the State Commissioner Dr. Simpson made strenuous efforts to enrol as many subscribers as possible and to collect donations. Well, Sir, the response to our appeal was not satisfactory and the Association came again to Government and said that it would be impossible for them to run the movement if they reduced the grant and that the minimum should be at least Rs. 5,000. Government are now convinced that at least the minimum grant of Rs. 5,000 should be given to the Association. Therefore I have come to this House with this demand. Government are convinced that the Scout movement has immense possibilities of doing good to the country. It is universally acknowledged throughout the world that the movement is a very important character-building factor and that it supplements all the educational activities of the Government. The House will be surprised to hear that the small State of Cochin is giving a grant of Rs. 5,250 to the Boy Scouts movement besides placing a full time officer as organising Secretary at the disposal of the Scouts Association. The Mysore Government is granting Rs. 16,250 to the Boy Scouts Association in that State.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** What about the response on the part of the public? Is it the same as in Cochin?

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**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** I am not concerned with that. Nowhere in India has the Boy Scouts movement been able to rely upon public subscriptions and public donations. The movement has not taken deep root in the country as yet and until steady propaganda is conducted for educating public opinion and winning the sympathy and support of the public, it will not be possible for the movement to get much public support by way of funds. Sir, it will take some years before the Scout movement in Travancore will be able to get a decent amount by way of subscriptions.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** Was not the full amount included at the last Budget Session?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** I have said that Government reduced the amount deliberately and told the Association to go and find funds from the public. The Association effected retrenchment in their staff and also appealed to public with no good effect. And they have come back to Government for more funds.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** When Government knew that nowhere in India subscriptions were available for this movement, why did Government ask the Association to go and appeal to the public ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan:** The Association showed by reference to facts and figures that nowhere in British India or Indian India was the Scout movement able to run solely on non-official support.

Well, Sir, coming to the next item, *viz.*, for a grant of Rs. 1,200 for the appointment of a Research Chemist, the idea is to appoint a trained Research worker to do research work upon indigenous medicinal plants.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Should we vote upon the demand, item by item or as a whole ?

**President :** Just as the House likes.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** There is specific provision in the Rules that it should be voted upon as a whole.

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** The proposal, Sir, is to appoint a trained Research worker to do research work on indigenous medicinal plants which are found abundantly in Travancore with a view to see how far it will be possible to prepare pure drugs for use in our Hospitals and Dispensaries. Fortunately we have a very capable and experienced research worker in the field at present in Dr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai who has come back to Travancore after 10 years Research experience in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, in the Tibby College, Delhi, and in the Presidency College, Madras. Sir, Dr. Paramesvaran Pillai was

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awarded the Degree of D. Sc. of the Madras University on the certificates of three eminent scientists of England on a thesis prepared by him. The thesis was also on a similar subject. It is proposed to appoint him as Research worker and to attach him to the Science College. There he will be provided with facilities in the Chemistry laboratory to do research work. It is a matter for pride and satisfaction for Travancore that a Travancorean is available for this work. Dr. Rey, Professor of the Presidency College, is of opinion that for this particular kind of work there is no man equal to Dr. Pillai in the whole of India at this moment.

Coming to the third item, the demand is for a sum of Rs. 1,610 for increasing the clerical staff in the office of the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting officers. This increase consists of three clerks in the office of the Director of Public Instruction, one clerk each in each of the Inspecting officers' offices and two clerks in the office of the Divisional Inspector, Trivandrum.

The work in the whole department, Sir, has enormously increased as a result of the reorganisation, the introduction of reforms and the introduction of new forms of administrative and financial check and control. The whole department has been more centralised than it had been in the past. Sir, in the past before the reorganisation in Mithunam 1109 when a primary school wanted a new class or recognition, the matter never came to the Director's office. But now every primary school which wants a new class or a division of a class or recognition comes before the Director and the Director has to pass final orders. And you will realise that there are about four or five thousand primary schools in the State. In the old days grant memos were issued once in three years to all these schools.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** May I know from the member whether all this work has increased in the last three months?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** No, Sir. These three clerks were in existence in 1110 but they were abolished from the beginning of 1111 on the technical ground that they were appointed on a temporary basis. Then it was pointed out to Government that the abolition of these three clerks had seriously handicapped the work in the various sections in the office. Certain sections of the office, *viz.*, the financial section, the English section, and the examination section where these clerks were working, are now each

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one clerk short and hence their work is handicapped. The work of the office of the Director of Public Instruction has increased enormously. With the introduction of the reforms the work has increased by fifty per cent. I will illustrate this by facts and figures. In 1933 before the office was reorganised the number of letters received was 21,335. In 1935 after the reorganisation the number of letters received is 32,525 or it has increased by more than 50 per cent. Similarly the number of letters despatched in 1933 was 18,700 while the number for 1935 is 25,960. Besides this increase of work due to reforms and reorganisation, there has been increase of work since 1111 due to various temporary items of work such as those connected with the Standardisation G. O., the Public Service Commission G. O, etc.

**Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai**: May I know whether Government did not consider these facts when they retrenched the three clerks for a mere technical reason?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan**: No, Sir. These aspects were not considered.

Subsequently, these matters were represented to Government by the Director; and the Government were convinced that these clerks, who were in existence till the beginning of 1111, were quite necessary and should be restored. Hence my present demand for this supplementary grant.

Then, Sir, we need one clerk for each of the Divisional Inspectors' offices. Sir, in these offices also, work has increased enormously. Experience has shown that the staff originally sanctioned for these offices is quite inadequate to cope with the work. Each Divisional Inspector has been given only 6 clerks including 1 typist; and one of the clerks has, for the major portion of the month, to be out on tour with the Inspector, so that there are really only 4 clerks for each Divisional Inspector, for all the routine in his office. I shall give the House an idea of the jurisdiction of these Inspectors in order that the House may judge for itself whether the very small additional staff now asked for is necessary or not.

The Divisional Inspector at Quilon has 57 English Schools and 691 Vernacular Schools within his jurisdiction; and there are 6 Assistant Inspectors working under him. The Inspector at Tiruvalla has, within his jurisdiction, 59 English Schools and 830 Vernacular Schools; and there are 8 Assistant Inspectors working under him. The Inspector at Muvattupuzha has 7 Assistant Inspectors working under him; and there are 52 English Schools and 647 Vernacular Schools within

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his jurisdiction. The Accountants' work in these Inspectors' offices is extraordinarily heavy because of the D. C. B. statements, monthly returns of expenditure, grant bills, scholarship bills, fee concession bills, and ever so many other such routine matters. Each man is actually doing three men's work. The Inspectors have represented to the Director that each one of them must have at least two clerks more. All that I am now asking for is for one clerk for each one of these Inspectors. This, I am convinced, is the irreducible minimum required just to see that delay is avoided. At present there is extraordinary delay in the submission of monthly returns and the financial returns, and in other routine matters. Sir, I have been given a Financial Assistant; there is a separate Financial Section in my office. How can they get along unless they get the D. C. B. statements and monthly returns in time?

In regard to the Trivandrum Divisional Inspector, the work is even heavier than it is in the other Divisions, since the jurisdiction, the number of schools under him, is almost double of that in any one of the other Divisions. He has 10 Assistant Inspectors working under him; and there are, within his jurisdiction, 54 English Schools and 1,194 Vernacular Schools. I therefore propose to give 2 clerks more for the Trivandrum Division alone.

In regard to the 'Inspectress of Girls' Schools, before the reorganisation she had 10 clerks in her office; and, due to a drastic cut, she has only 6 now. Of course, since the reorganisation, she has been complaining repeatedly that her staff is very inadequate, that it is not able to cope with the work, and that even her one camp clerk she is not able to take with her during her tours, because of very heavy routine work in her office. Sir, unlike the Divisional Inspectors, has jurisdiction over the whole State, and there are a large number of English High Schools also under her. Sir, 1 English High School takes as much time and work, in the matter of inspection, as 5 or 6 primary schools. She has 44 English High Schools, 2 Vernacular High Schools, 5 Training Schools, 17 Girls' Technical Schools, 10 Orphanages and 11 Hostels. She has, therefore, about 90 institutions under her, spread throughout the whole State. Sir, the proposal is to give her, just 1 more clerk so that she may be able to carry on her routine work without great delay.

Sir, the Inspectress has 1 Assistant Inspectress under her, who also, unlike the other Assistant Inspectors, has jurisdiction throughout the State. She has 100 Vernacular Middle Schools under her of which 63 are departmental schools. As it is, most of her time is

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taken up with the routine work in the office, so that she is not able to do adequate inspection of the teaching of Malayalam in our schools. In olden days, the Assistant Inspectress used to test the teaching of Malayalam in the various schools ; they used to have time for all that since their jurisdiction was much smaller than now. And, in the case of all these Vernacular Middle Schools even the contingent bills come up to this Assistant Inspectress. There are numerous monthly statements, Treasury-war ststements, statements of expenditure, monthly consolidated D. C. Bs. and numerous other statements and papers which come to her. She has about 1,000 teachers under her to all of whom she has to grant leave. It is her office that maintains the service books of all the numerous headmasters under her. In spite of so much work, she has been given only 2 clerks just like every other Assistant inspector who has not got more than a taluk to look after. It is therefore proposed to give her also just 1 more clerk.

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻഡിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു മലയാളം സ്കൂൾ അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിന്ന് പ്രതിമാസം അര രൂപാപിടിക്കണം എന്ന നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു പിച്ചച്ചട്ടിയിൽ മണ്ണു വാരിയിടുന്നതുപോലെയാണ്. പുരാതന കാലങ്ങളിൽ മുലവരി എന്നും തലവരി എന്നും മറ്റുമൊക്കെ പറഞ്ഞുകേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. അര രൂപാ ഇങ്ങനെ പിടിക്കുന്നതിനെക്കാൾ ആളൊന്നിന് ഓരോചക്രം തലവരി കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചാൽ മതിയായിരുന്നു. ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് ഒരുവശത്തുകൂടി ധനവിഷയത്തിൽ പിശുക്കു കാണിക്കുകയും വേറൊരുവശത്തുകൂടി ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്ത സംഗതികളിൽ ധനവ്യയം ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്യുവരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇപ്പോൾ വേണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന റിസ്ച്ചുവക്കുതന്നെ തിരേ ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതായ ഒന്നാണ്. ഇതനുവദിച്ചാൽ അതിലേക്കു വേണ്ട സ്റ്റാഫും ലാബറട്ടറിയുംമറ്റും പണിട്ട ആവശ്യമായിവരുന്നതാണ്.

ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസിൽ പുതുതായി സ്റ്റാഫ് വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള ആളുകളെക്കൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ശരിയായിജോലിനടത്താമെന്ന് മി. സ്റ്റേറ്റും സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഒരു ഭരണവിചക്ഷണനും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസധുരന്ധരനുമായ അദ്ദേഹം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു വെറുതെയാണെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുകയില്ല. അതുപോലെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസു സ്റ്റാഫും വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യംഇല്ല. അതിനുള്ള കാരണങ്ങളെ പറഞ്ഞു ഈ സഭയുടെ സമയം കളയണമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസിന്റെ ജോലിക്രമ

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ടിഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരെക്കൊണ്ടു നടത്താൻ സാധിക്കും; നടത്തുന്നുമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ആസ്റ്റാഫിനെ നിലനിർത്തുവാൻ തന്നെയാണ്. ഇതുപോലെ പല വിധത്തിലുള്ള ധനാഗമമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുവാൻ നമുക്കു കഴിയുന്നതാണ്.

സ്കൂൾ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിനു ആവശ്യമുള്ള സംഖ്യ ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലത്തുതന്നെ കൊണ്ടുവരാമായിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യാതെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേധാവികൾ ക്രൂടെക്കൂടെ സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറു കൊണ്ടുവന്ന് ഈ സഭയുടെ പരിമിതസമയത്തെ ദുരുപയോഗപ്പെടുത്താൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നതിനെ പ്രതിഷേധിക്കാതിരിക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. മലയാളവിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചിറ്റമ്മനയമാണു സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. മലയാള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനു പര്യാപ്തമായ പദ്ധതികൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന് ധനവ്യയം ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു യാതൊരു ദോഷവും ഉണ്ടാകുകയില്ല. മലയാളം ലിപികൾ പോലും അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തവരാണ് മലവാസികളിൽ ബഹുഭൂരിപക്ഷം ജനങ്ങളും. ധനവ്യയത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ സ്റ്റേറ്റു ഇപ്പോൾ പിന്നോക്കം നിൽക്കുകയാണ്. അത്യാവശ്യ സംഗതികൾക്കുതന്നെ ചെലവാക്കാൻ പണമില്ല. കർഷകരെ സഹായിക്കുന്നതിനും പൊതുജനോപയോഗപ്രദങ്ങളായ സംഗതികൾക്കും വേണ്ടിധനവ്യയം ചെയ്താൽ ആരും അതിനെ അധിക്ഷേപിക്കുകയില്ല. അങ്ങനെ അല്ലാതുള്ള ചെലവുകളെ കഴിയുന്നതും ചുരുക്കണം. രാജ്യത്തിൻറെ വരുമാനത്തിൽ സിംഹഭാഗവും എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു വേണ്ടി ചെലവാക്കിവരുന്നു. ഇതിലധികം പണം ഇതിലേക്കു ചെലവാക്കിയാൽ മുതൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകൾക്കു ഒന്നും ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വരും. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലേക്കു വേണ്ട എത്രയധികം പണം ചെലവാക്കിയാലും അതു അധികമായിപ്പോകുന്നതല്ല. പക്ഷെ അതു പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നിർബന്ധിതമാക്കുന്നതിനും മറ്റുമായിരിക്കണം.

**President** : All these points do not arise under a supplementary demand.

**Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : ഇപ്പോൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന തുകയും വാസ്തവത്തിൽ അധികച്ചെലവാണെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി വിരമിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

**President** : Again, I have to draw your attention to the fact thatwe cannot now discuss the policy of the department.

The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,310 under Education for the items already mentioned.

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The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT.

**Mr. M. Govinda Pillai :** Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 10,5. 6 for the reorganisation of the Co-operative Department.

Sir, the staff of this department has long been utterly inadequate. That difficulty has been felt by successive Registrars and they have made clear mention of that fact in their Annual Reports. This has also been recognised by the Travancore Co-operative Enquiry Committee.

Sir, the mention of this committee irresistably reminds me of that great Servant of India who guided and regulated the deliberations and recommendations of that committee with, I believe, conspicuous success. The Report of the Travancore Co-operative Enquiry Committee was Mr. Devadhar's last public work. Let us, Sir, with the rest of India, mourn the loss of that great self-less worker who ceaselessly toiled, for several decades, for the social and economic up-lift of the masses in India.

Sir, I was referring to the Report of the Co-operative Enquiry Committee to remind the House of the fact that that committee has made elaborate and detailed recommendations for the reorganisation of the department. The recommendations of the committee, when implemented, will cost a little over Rs. 50,000. The committee was conscious of this heavy expenditure, involved in their proposal as also of the financial stringency which the Government are now confronted with. They therefore suggested that the proposal might be spread over a period of three years, the reorganisation being given effect to in yearly instalments.

**Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai :** On a point of order, Sir. The Chair has ruled that, under supplementary demands, policy should not be discussed. Judging from the trend of the speech now being made, the policy of the department is being discussed, even foreign policy.

**Mr. M. Govinda Pillai :** I am not discussing any policy, Sir, but I am only endeavouring, to point out the need for the reorganisation of the Co-operative Department.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the committee, it is proposed to appoint 2 intermediary, superior, officers between the Co-operative Registrar and the Inspectors of Co-operative Societies. Such intermediary officers are to be designated Assistant Registrars. The proposal is to divide the whole State into two divisions and to place each division in the charge of one of these Assistant Registrars. The proposed scale of pay for these Assistant Registrars is Rs. 150-200; and each one of them will be given a staff of 1 clerk on Rs. 25-40, another on Rs. 20-25, and 2 peons.

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